

Please amend the Abstract on page 12 as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The power of a digital signal such as an optical data stream is set via digital-to-analog converter ~~(12)~~ having a reference input ~~(12a)~~ for connection to a DC reference signal—~~(14)~~. The pilot tone is injected into the reference input ~~(12a)~~ of the digital-to-analog converter. In the place of a dual amplitude control (modulation current and pilot tone), the disclosed arrangement of the invention only requires a single control, thereby reducing cost, power consumption, microcontroller input/output activity, area occupation (PCB real estate) and failure rate.

~~(Figure 4)~~